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SUBJECT: PRESS STORY ON POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF BASE TALKS

1. EFE NEWS SERVICE CARRIED STORY FROM WASHINGTON JULY 24 WHICH ATTRIBUTED TO DEP FON MIN ROVIRA COMMENT THAT IF BASE NEGOTIATIONS DO NOT RESULT IN AGREEMENT BY SEPTEMBER 26, THERE MIGHT BE THREE MONTH EXTENSION, SINCE SUCH COMPLEX MATTERS TAKE TIME TO WORK OUT.

2. DEPT DOES NOT PLAN TO OFFER COMMENT BUT IF ASKED WOULD SAY THAT POSSIBILITY OF EXTENSION HAD COME UP IN BASE TALKS EARLIER AND THAT WHILE OUR CURRENT EFFORTS LOOKING TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT IN TIME REMAINING, EXTENSION OF NEGOTIATING PERIOD MIGHT EVENTUALLY BE NECESSARY AND MUTUALLY AGREEABLE.

3. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PRESS PLAY THIS STORY MIGHT
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